

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A composite material, comprising:  
a first layer forming a plurality of apertures; and  
a substructure bonded to the first layer at a plurality of bonding locations to form a plurality of compartments, the first layer apertures forming fluid communication between the first layer and the substructure and the compartments entrapping particles contained within a fluid which passes.

17. (Previously Presented) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the compartments have a triangular cross section.

18. (Original) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein each compartment has a height of about 0.1 cm to about 2.0 cm.

19. (Original) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein each compartment has a width of about 0.1 cm to about 2.0 cm.

20-29. (Canceled)

30. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the first layer comprises a film.

31. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the first layer comprises a film and fiber combination.

32. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the first layer comprises a spunbond material.

33. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the first layer comprises a hydrophobic material.

34. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the first layer includes a plurality of apertures having a diameter of about 100 microns to about 10,000 microns.

35. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the first layer has a basis weight of about 0.3 osy to about 2.5 osy.

36. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the first layer has a basis weight of about 0.44 osy to about 1.0 osy.

37. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the substructure comprises a three-dimensional nonwoven material.

38. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the substructure comprises a spunbond material.

39. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the substructure comprises a melt spun material.

40. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the substructure is pleated, corrugated, thermoformed or embossed.

41. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the substructure is bonded to the first layer by one of point bonding, adhesive bonding and spiral bonding.

42. (New) A personal care absorbent product comprising the composite material of Claim 16.

43. (New) The composite material of Claim 16, wherein the material is one of a spacer layer, a fastener, a filter medium, an air filter, a liquid filter, a facemask, and a wipe.

44. (New) A combination comprising:  
a liquid permeable composite material of Claim 16;  
an outer cover bonded to the liner; and  
an absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the liner.

45. (New) The composite material of Claim 20, wherein the substructure is pleated.

46. (New) A feminine hygiene product comprising the composite material of Claim 16.

47. (New) A wound care product comprising the composite material of Claim 16.

48. (New) A diaper comprising the composite material of Claim 16.

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49. (New) Training pants comprising the composite material of Claim 16.

50. (New) Swim wear comprising the composite material of Claim 16.

51. (New) Absorbent underpants comprising the composite material of Claim 16.

52. (New) An adult incontinence article comprising the composite material of Claim 16.